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TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY

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TAGS: PK, OVIP (PRIMIN BHUTTO)

SUBJECT: DEPARTURE PROBLEMS OF PRIMIN AND PARTY

1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 26 SENT TO AMBASSADOR SULTAN M. KHAN BY ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. AMBASSADOR KHAN HAS REQUESTED THAT CHARGE UNDERTAKE CONVEYANCE OF APOLOGIES AND CONCERN TO PRIMIN, WHICH IS ASKED FOR IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF AMBASSADOR SMOAK'S LETTER. DEPARTMENT CONCURS.

2. "DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

3. MEMBERS OF MY STAFF HAVE REPORTED TO ME CONCERNING THE DIFFICULTIES AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY ON THE LAST DAY OF HIS VISIT AND WHILE HE WAS IN NEW YORK CITY.

4. WE IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND I PERSONALLY, WERE VERY SORRY TO LEARN OF THESE PROBLEMS, AND I WANT TO EXTEND MY APOLOGIES TO YOU AND TO THE PRIME MINISTER. I FELT THAT THE VISIT WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL, AND IT IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE THAT THESE EVENTS TENDED TO INTERFERE WITH WHAT WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHERWISE A PLEASANT OCCASION.

5. PART OF THE PROBLEM OF COURSE WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE RESERVATIONS WHICH ARE CUSTOMARILY MADE IN THE

WALDORF ASTORIA TOWERS FOR A VISITING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT WERE REQUIRED TO BE ALTERED AS A RESULT OF CROWDED CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MY INFORMATION IS THAT THE SERVICE AFFORDED AT THE HOTEL FINALLY SELECTED WAS FAR FROM ADEQUATE.

6. IN ADDITION, I AM TOLD THAT THE DELAY IN DEPARTURE WAS AT LEAST PARTLY CAUSED BY THE LATE AND UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF A LARGE SHIPMENT OF ITEMS WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIGNED TO AND ARRIVED FOR PLACEMENT ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT. I AM SURE THAT HAD ANYONE FROM OUR STAFFS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS CONSIGNMENT, THE MATTER COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY CORRECTED AND THE DELAY AVOIDED. IT IS ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A PARTIAL FAILURE OF THE EQUIPMENT USED BY THE SECRET SERVICE TO EXAMINE THESE ITEMS ADDED TO THE DELAY.

7. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONVEY MY APOLOGIES AND MY GREAT CONCERN OVER THIS SITUATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER TOGETHER WITH OUR FEELING OF SATISFACTION IN A MEMORABLE AND SUCCESSFUL OFFICIAL VISIT. SINCERELY, MARION H. SMOAK, ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL." KISSINGER

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